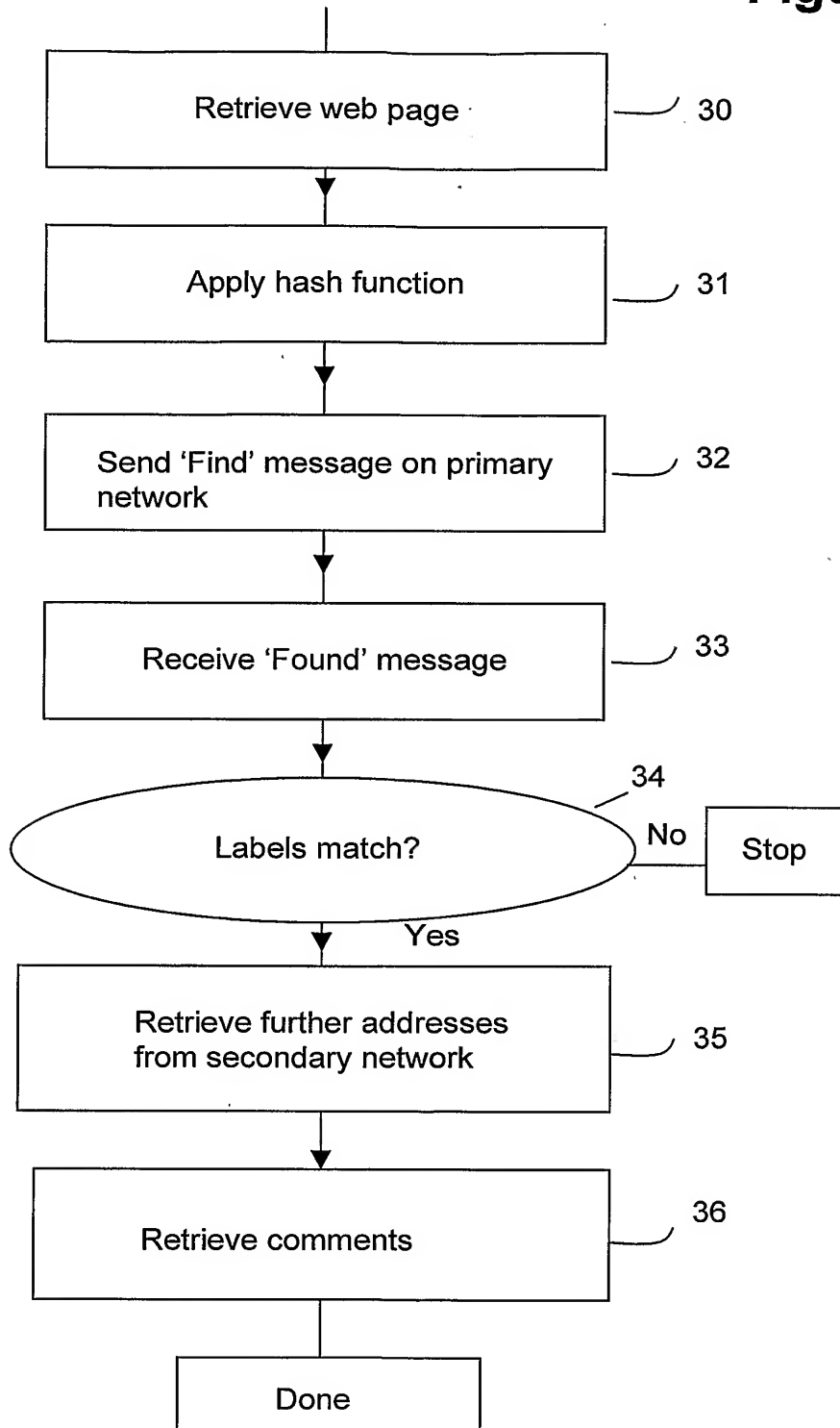
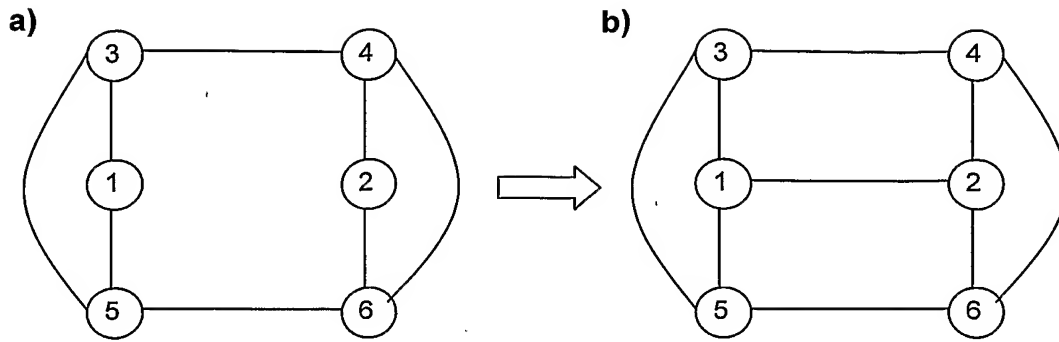
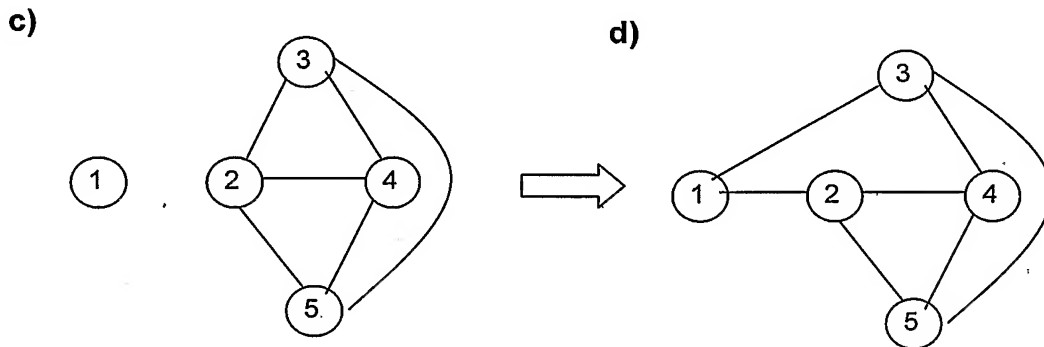




**Figure 1A**



How a new link is created between two nodes (Node 1 and Node 2) when both nodes can still create a new link. a) The network before Node 1 received a Notify message about Node 2, and b) The network after Node 1 successfully created a new link in response to the Notify message.



How a node (Node 1) inserts itself in an existing link (between Node 2 and Node 3) because Node 2 already had the maximum number of links. c) The network before Node 1 received a Notify message about Node 2, and d) The network after Node 1 successfully changed an existing link into two new ones in response to the Notify message.

**Figure 2**

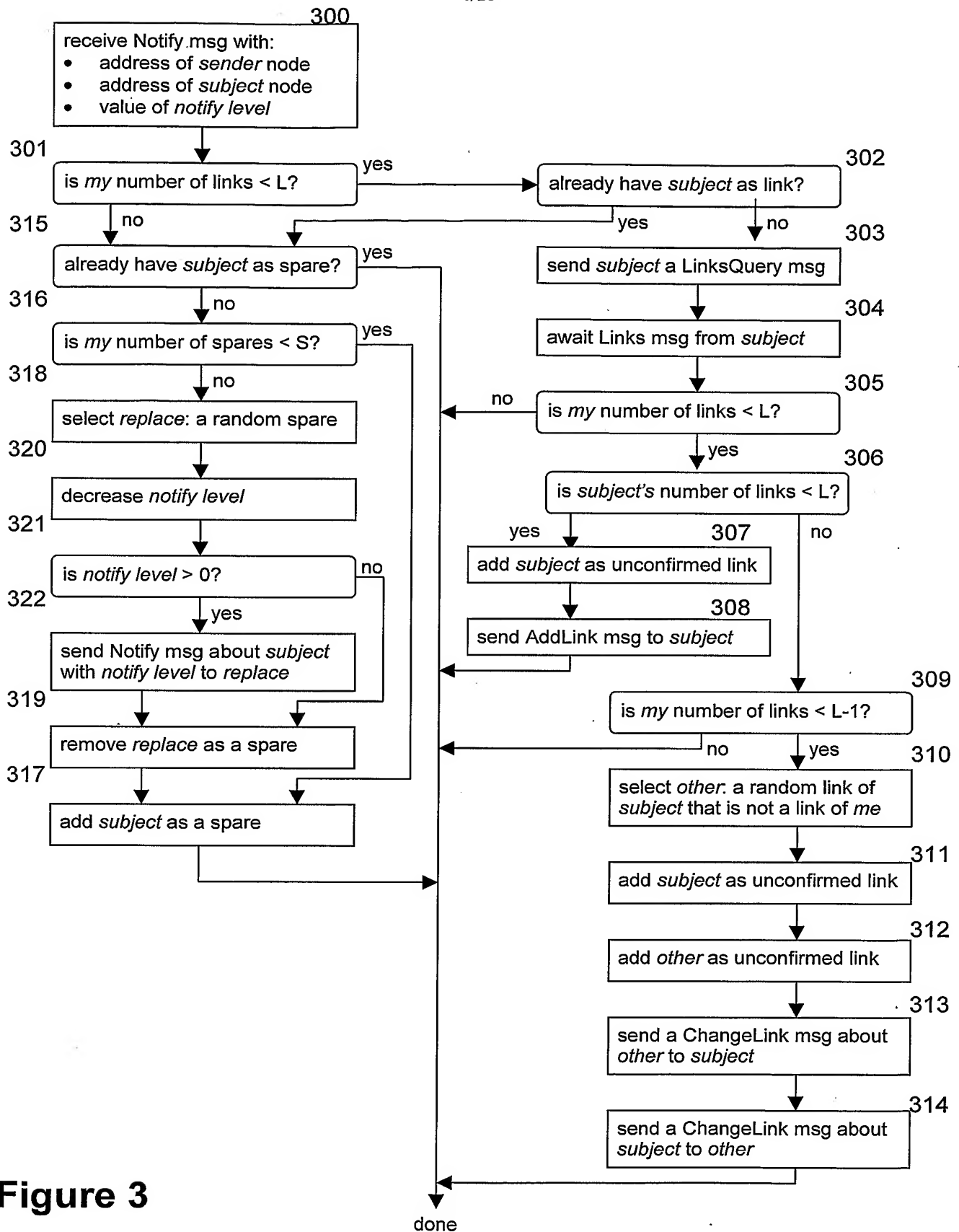
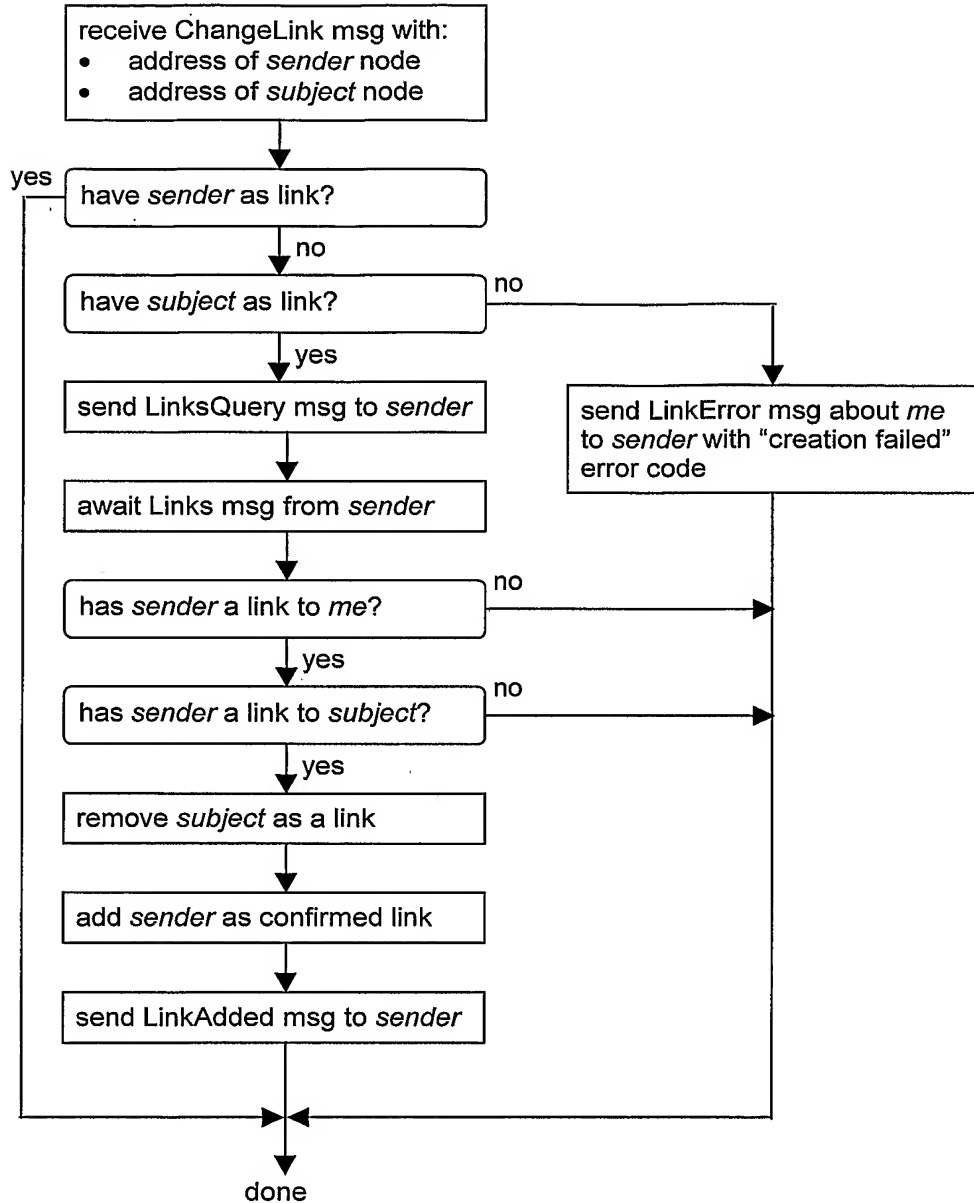


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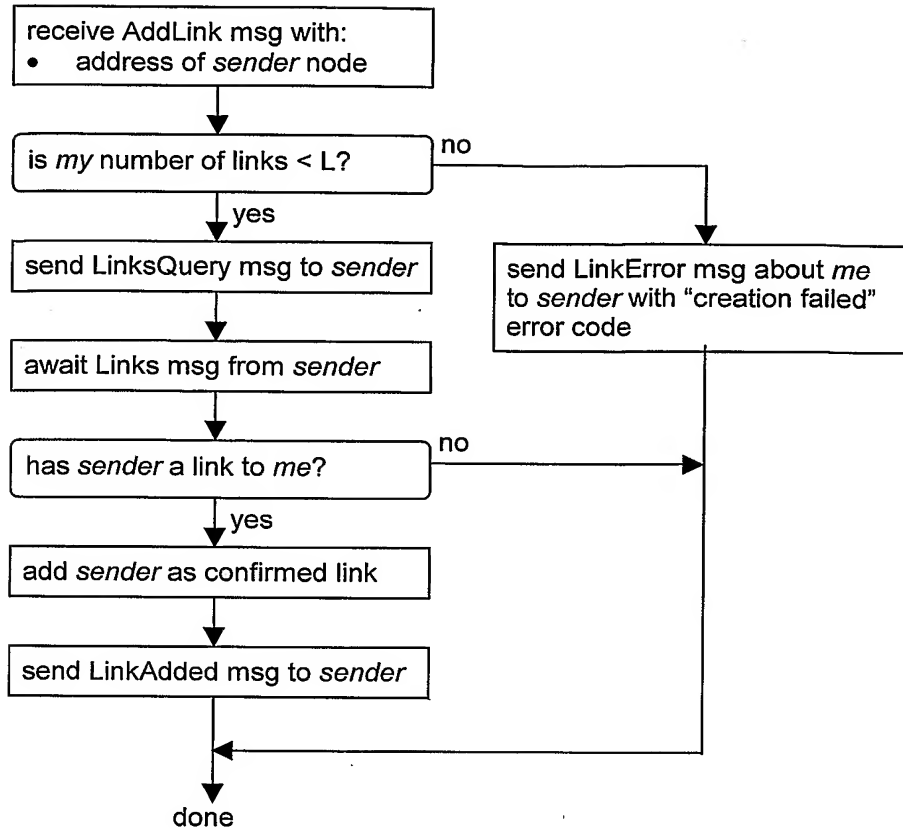


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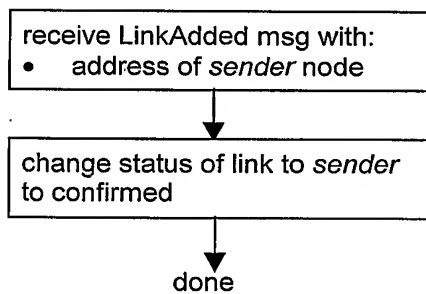
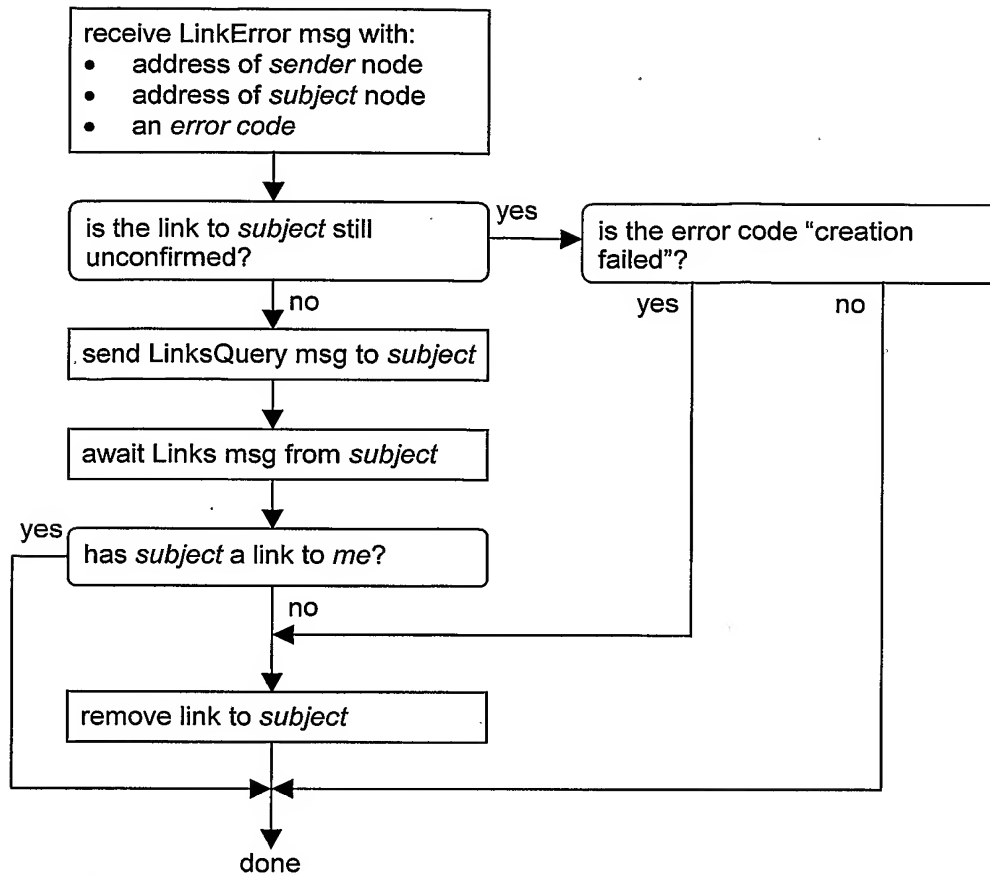
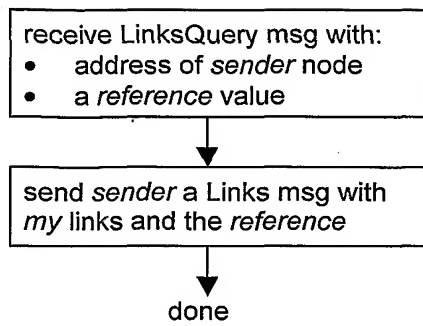
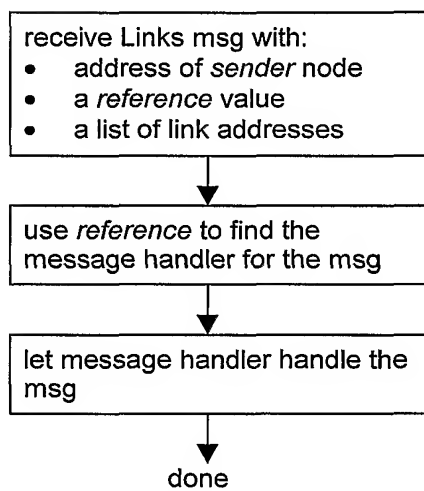


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**Figure 7**

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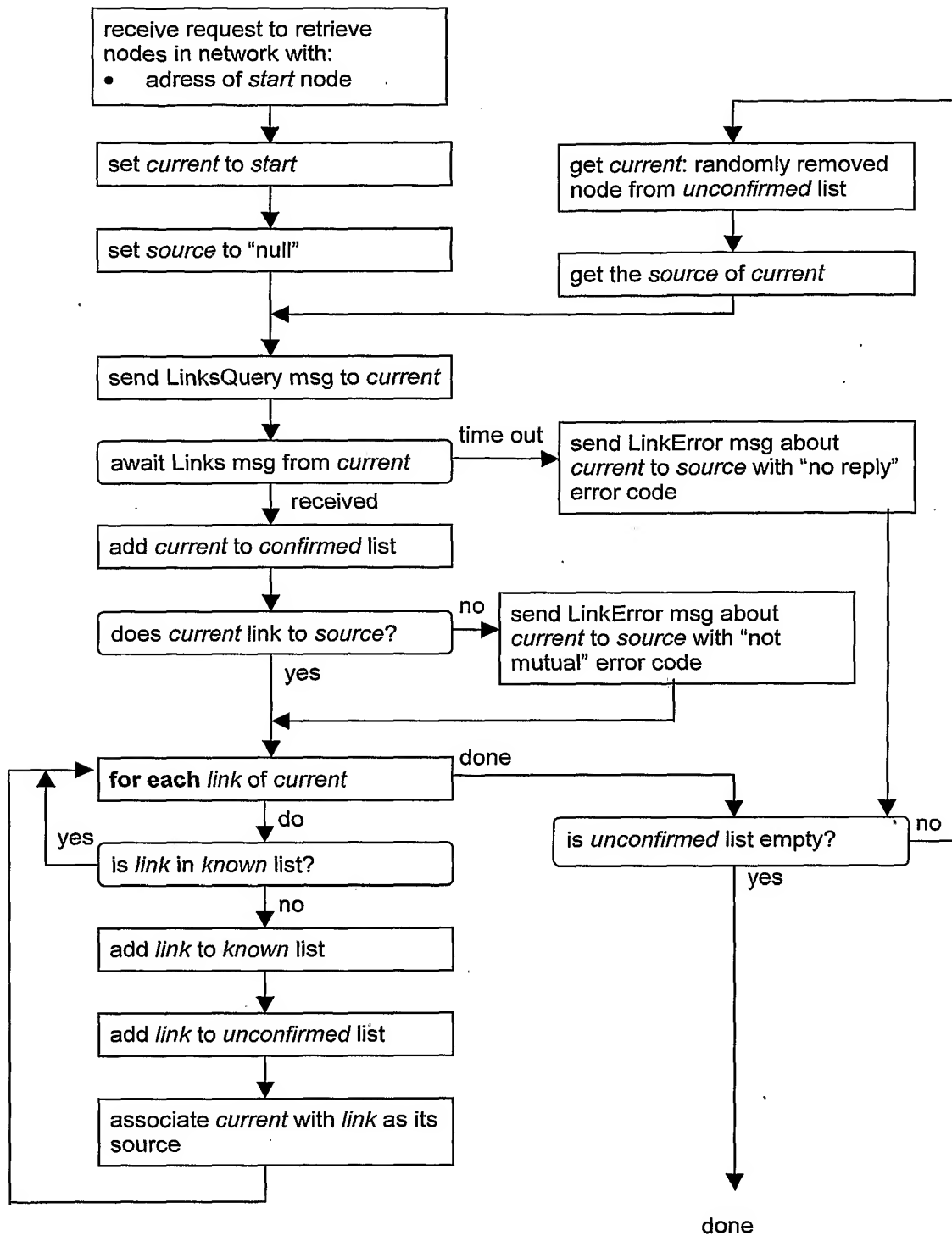
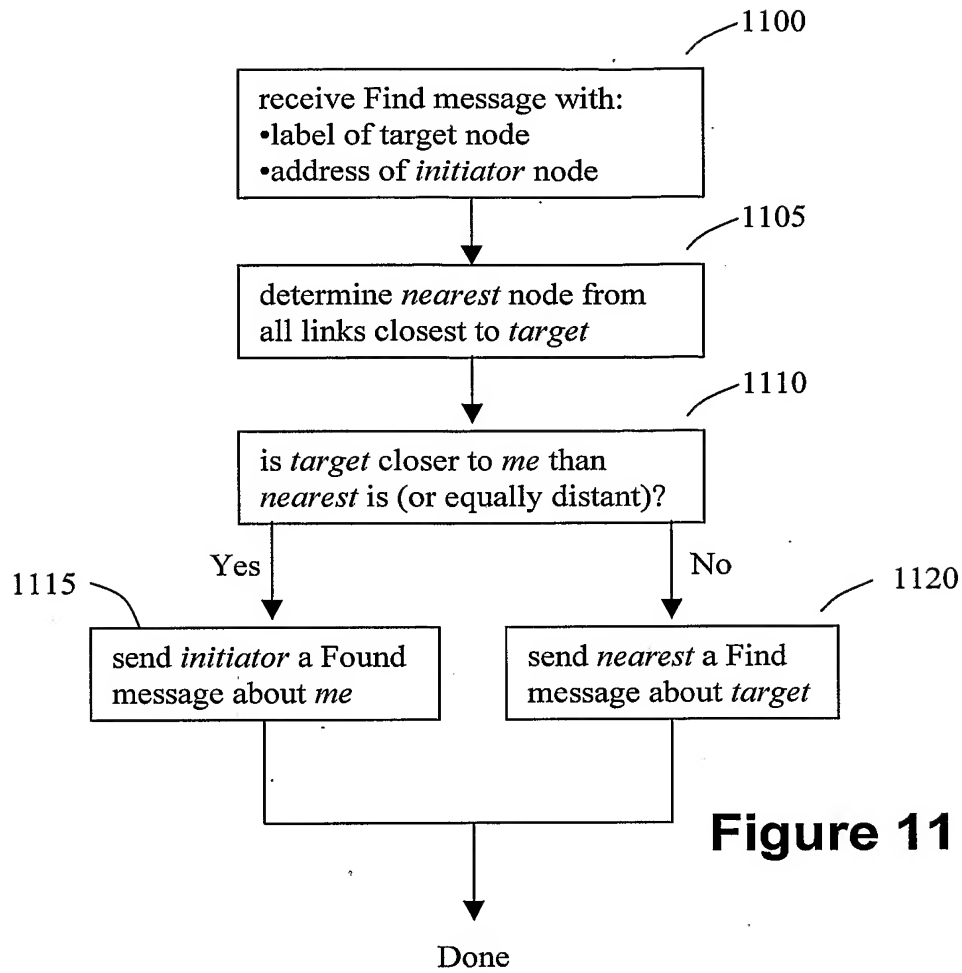
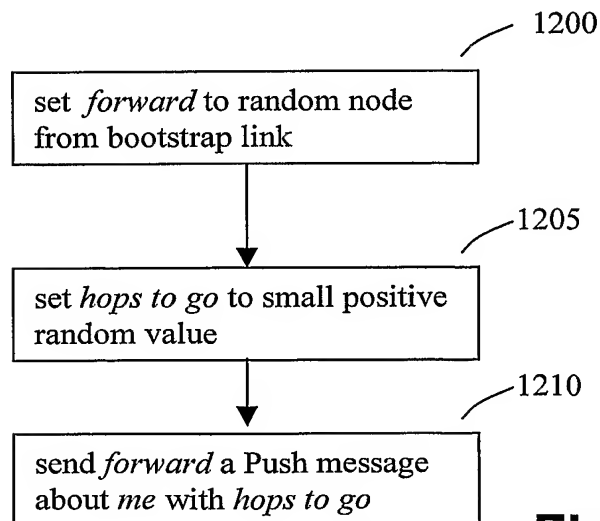
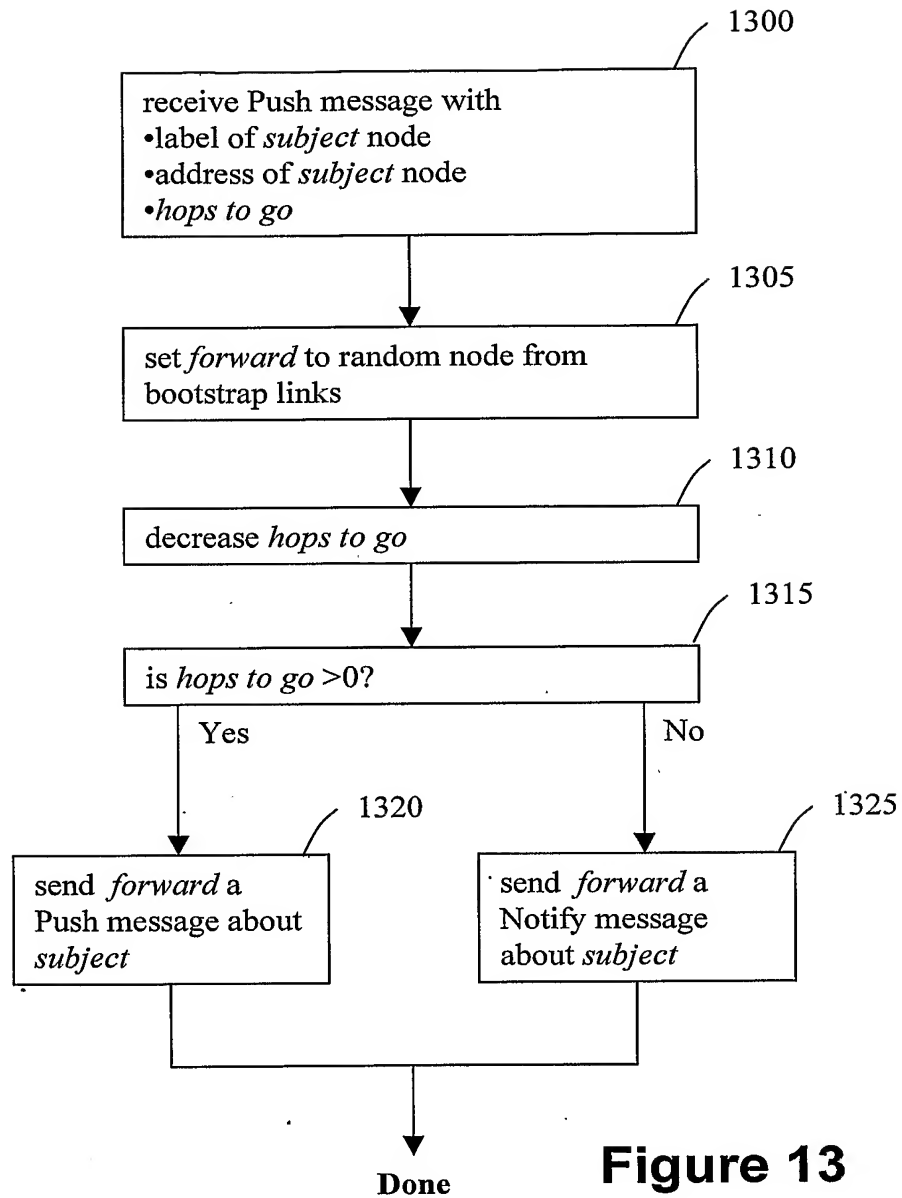
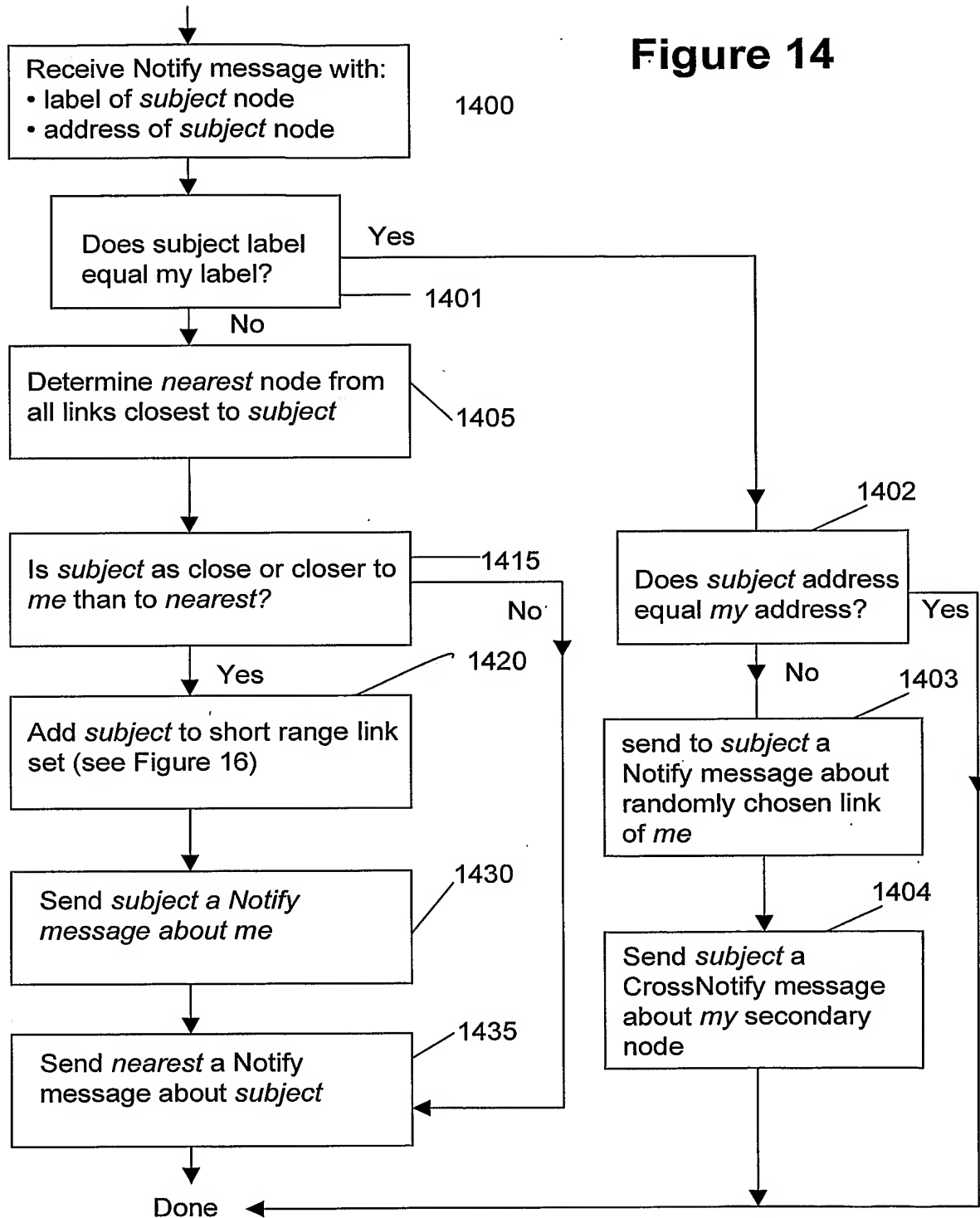
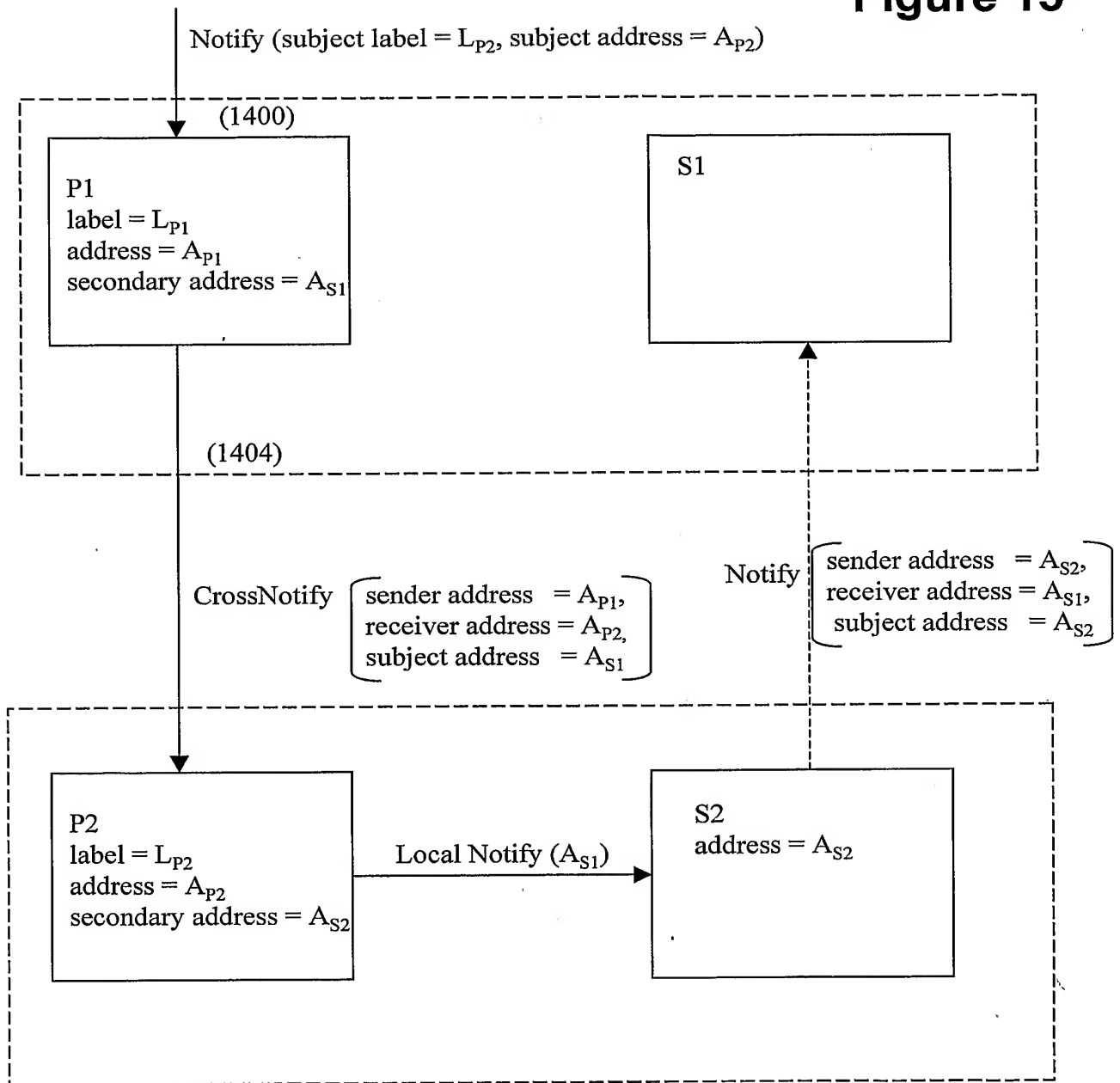


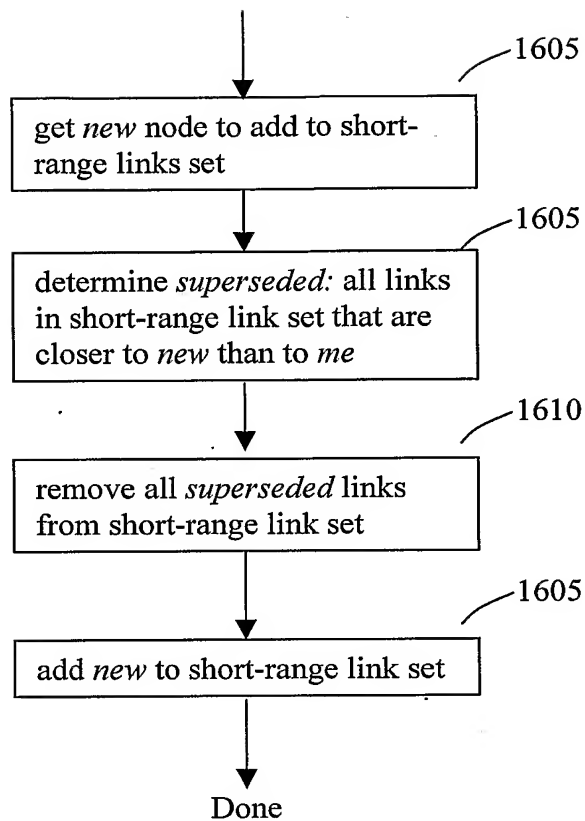
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**Figure 13**

**Figure 14**

**Figure 15**

**Figure 16**

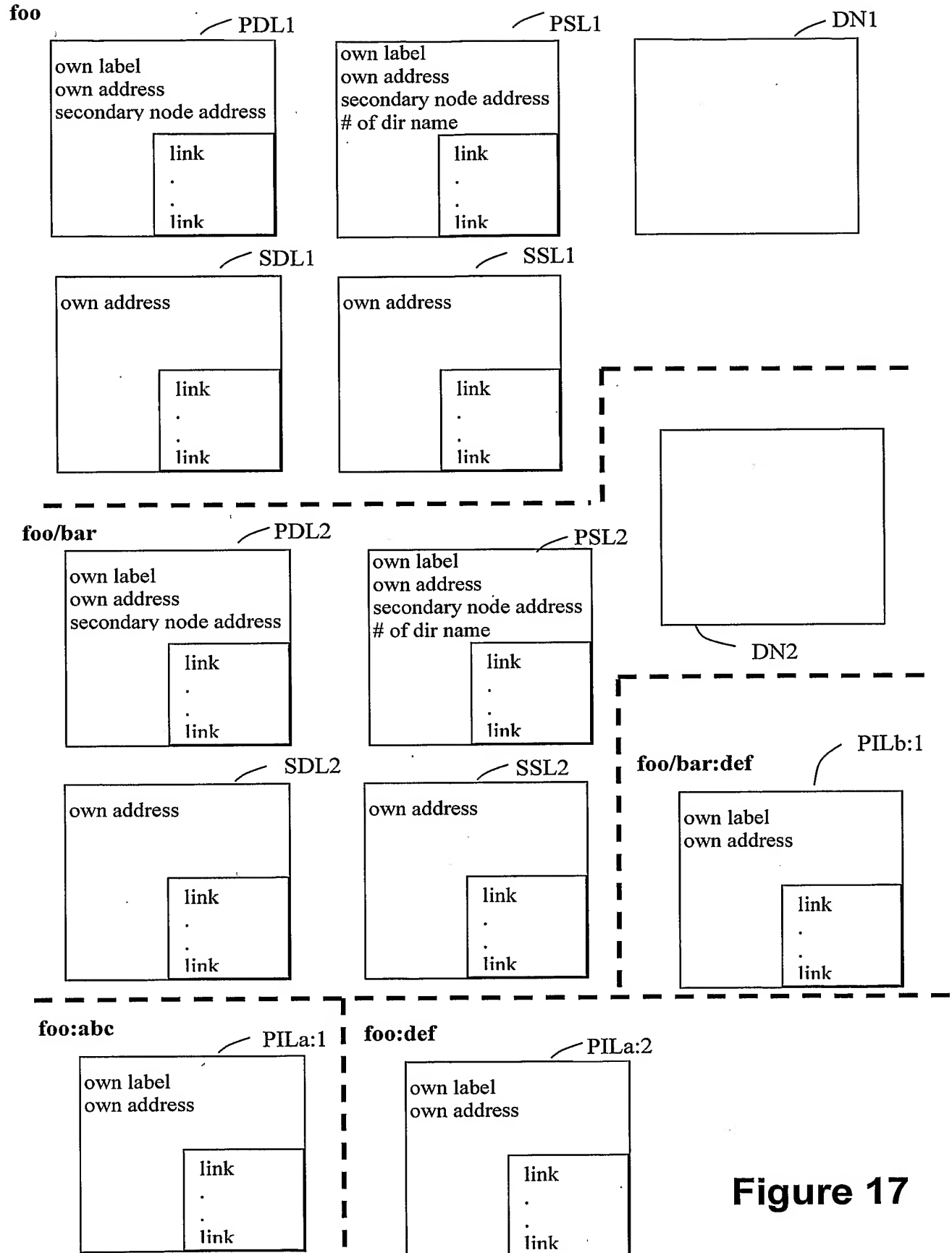


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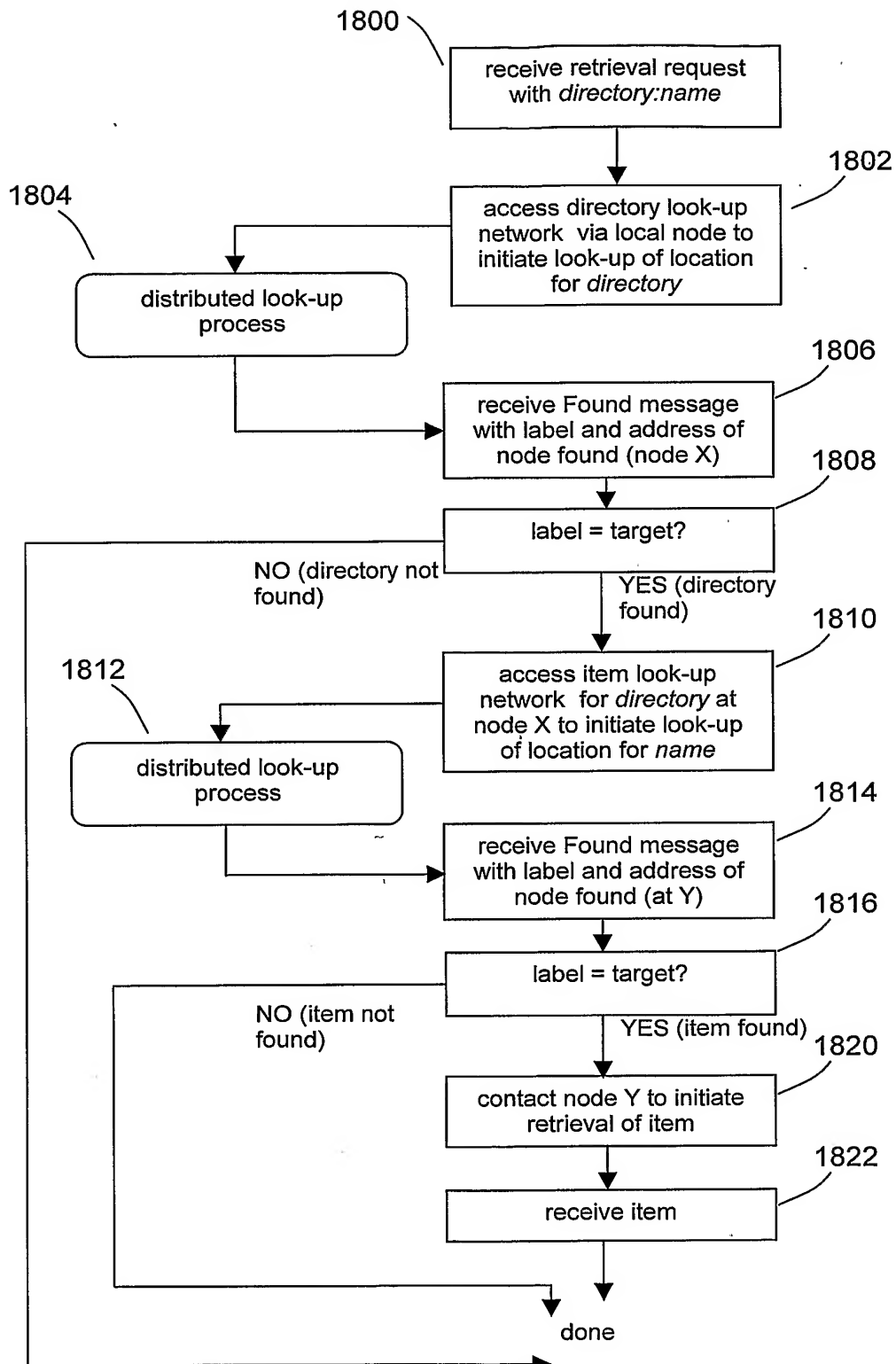
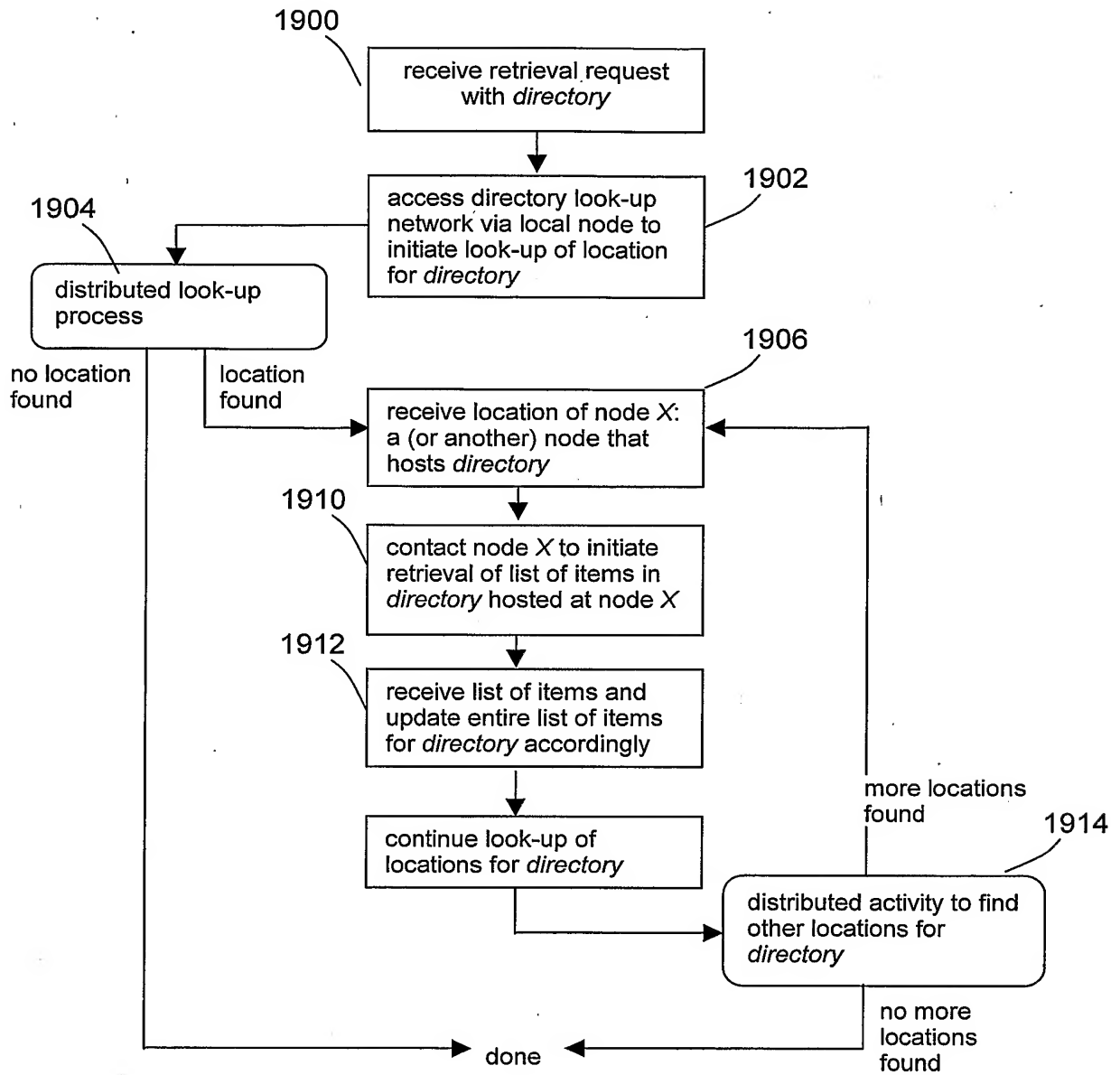
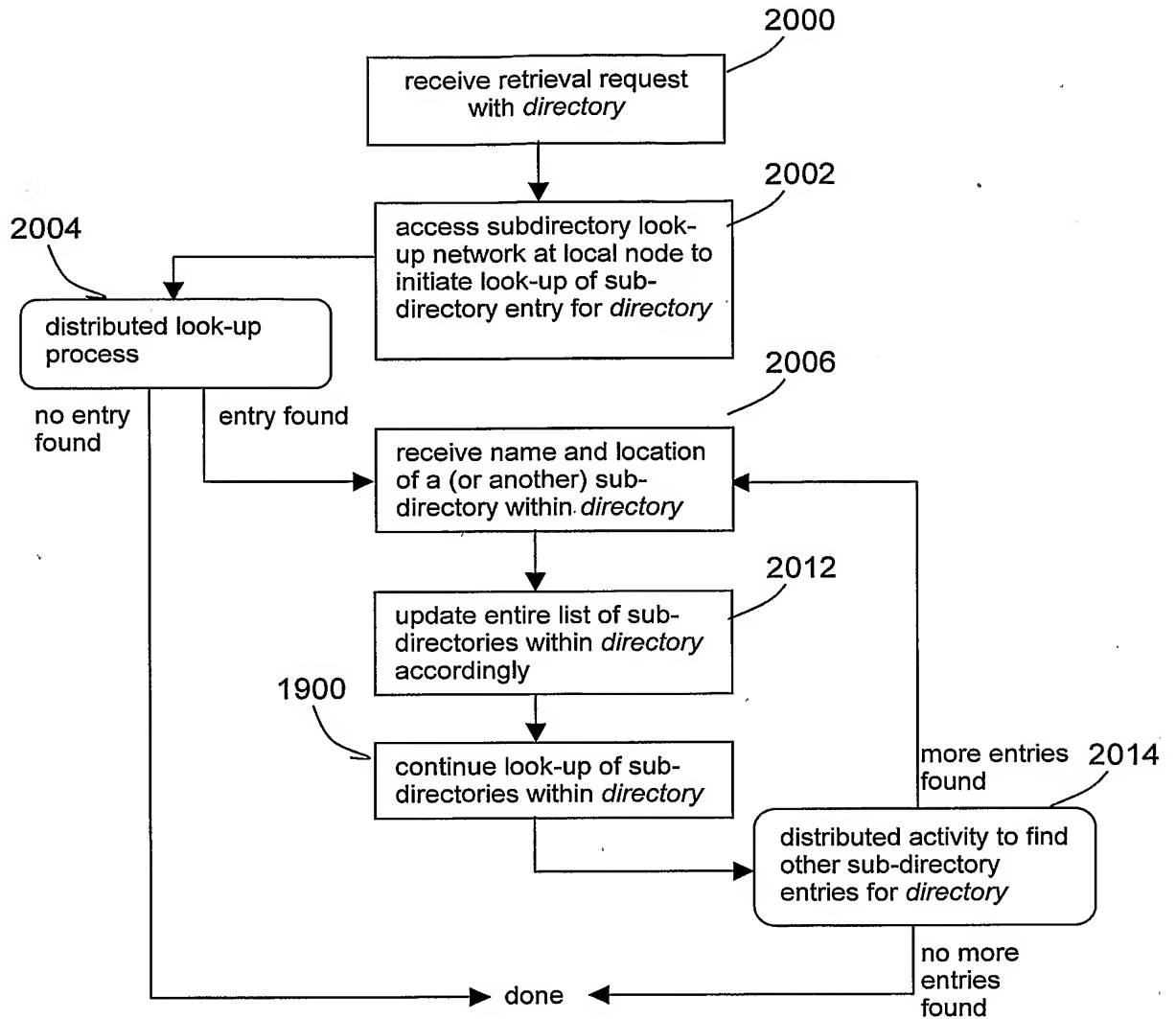


Figure 18



**Figure 19**

**Figure 20**